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SUBJECT: RAF VULCAN BOMBER CRASHES IN MALTA

1. A BRITISH RAF VULCAN BOMBER ON A TRAINING FLIGHT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO MALTA EXPLODED AND CRASHED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO LAND AT LUQA AIRPORT ON OCTOBER 14.
2. THE AIRCRAFT HAD MADE ONE ABORTED LANDING ATTEMPT AT THE AIRPORT, DURING WHICH ITS UNDERCARRIAGE WAS REPORTEDLY DAMAGED. WHILE ATTEMPTING A SECOND LANDING APPROACH, THE VULCAN EXPLODED IN MIDAIR AND CRASHED AT THE NEARLY VILLAGE OF ZABBAR.
3. CURRENT REPORTS INDICATE THAT FIVE OF THE SEVEN RAF CREW MEMBERS WERE KILLED, AS WELLAS TWO CIVILIANS ON THE GROUND. THERE ALSO WERE AT LEAST TWENTY ADDITIONAL PERSONS INJURED IN ZABBAR, SOME OF THEM SERIOUSLY.
4. AN RAF SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE VULCAN WAS NOT CARRYING ANY WEAPONS, AND THAT A FULL-SCALE INQUIRY WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE RAF.
5. THE AMBASSADOR HAS SENT LETTERS OF CONDOLENCE TO PRESIDENT MAMO AND PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF ON THE INCIDENT, AS WELL AS TO THE SENIOR BRITISH OFFICIALS

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